



Moulton Chapel Primary School



Working together, achieving together.

Dear Parents,

First, may I welcome you and your children back to school. They all look splendid in their uniforms and seem pleased to be back. It has been a busy first couple of days at school but the children have begun to settle well into their classroom routines.

We also welcomed a new member of staff in September – Mrs Helen Enderby has joined Maple class (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) and I am sure you will make her feel very welcome to our school community.

I have attached some diary dates that have been set already and further information on these will follow in due course. You will receive, by the end of the week, more detailed information on what your child will be studying over the coming term, and if you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

We have also been working on how we report to parents how their child is progressing in school and following using the report cards, we have made a few changes to our procedures. We hope, when you receive your child's new report card, we have found a better way of demonstrating to you the progress made but your feedback on this will be helpful in continuing to improve this working document. The yearly timetable for receiving information on how your child is progressing will now look like this:

Term 1	Parents evening
Term 2	Report card
Term 3	Parents evening
Term 4	Report card
Term 5 & 6	Full end of year report and parents evening if required

There has also been a change in the RE curriculum at a Local Authority level, and as a maintained school we follow the Local Authority Agreed Syllabus. This has recently been updated and republished with some changes to it. The aim of the new syllabus is to *'produce pupils who are religiously literate and be able to hold balanced and informed conversations about religion and belief.'*

Key Stage 1 children will focus on 2 compulsory units on Christianity and Islam

Key Stage 2 children will focus on 3 compulsory units on Christianity, Islam and Hinduism.

The compulsory units have been broken into 4 areas of teaching:

God: What do people believe about God?

Being Human: How does faith and belief affect the way people live their lives?

Community, worship and celebration: How do people express their religion and beliefs?
Life journey, rites of passage: How do people mark important events in life?
If you would like to further discuss the new RE curriculum changes with me please contact the school office to make an appointment. I will be posting a copy of the new RE long term plan drawn up with the local authority adviser on the school website.

Road Safety outside the school

A few reminders:



- Under normal circumstances the car park is for staff and delivery use only. Please park on the roadside.
- Please use 'superhuman' levels of observation when driving (and walking) as there is a lot of passing traffic – and unpredictable children around!
- The speed limit outside school and through the village is 30 mph.
- Please do not use the school car park entrance to turn your vehicle around as this can add to the congestion outside school, particularly if a staff member's car is attempting to enter or leave the car park. Please do not use our neighbours' forecourt or driveways to turn round.
- In the interests of safety may we ask that you do not walk on to the premises through the vehicle car park gate; please use one of the two pedestrian gates.

Dogs

For hygiene and safety reasons we ask that you do not bring your dog onto the school site. There is a rail just inside the entrance nearest the village that you may tie your dog to. Small dogs may be carried on site but please do not encourage other children to stroke it "just in case"!!!!



Smoking

A reminder also that the school is a no smoking site – inside and out!!



Exclusion for sickness and/or diarrhoea

Guidance from the Health Protection Agency states that children should stay away from school for **48 hours** after their last instance of diarrhoea or vomiting. We appreciate that when many parents work, and a child appears to have recovered, this is inconvenient but we must insist to prevent the spread of infection. We are still using antiseptic hand gel to try and ensure that viruses are not passed on at school and would appreciate it if you can now follow the "48 hour rule".

Thank you to those parents who have already returned the pupil update forms – even if there are no changes to be made please return as it is imperative we have the most up-to-date numbers for contacting you, and your 2nd contact number/person.

As always if there is a question you have or a query, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff or contact us via email.

I look forward to another very busy and productive year with your children and thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Lisa Sexton
Headteacher